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**The Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism**  
GO SERV's mission is to bring Californians together to meet community challenges through service and volunteerism. By working together, we can make a meaningful impact on our communities. To find a local volunteer opportunity, link to the GO SERV website (<http://www.goserv.ca.gov/volunteer/volunteer.asp>).



#### AmeriCorps:

GO SERV received 59 applications for AmeriCorps funding for the 2004-2005 program year by the deadline of January 5, 2004. After a peer review process, in-person staff interviews were held with 48 applicants through Wednesday, February 11 in Sacramento, San Francisco, San Diego, and Los Angeles. On February 25 the full Commission is meeting to vote on the competitive submission to the Corporation for National and Community Service. Results from the national competition will be available in early June, and GO SERV will make final portfolio decisions to announce grantees in July.



#### Citizen Corps:

During the past month, GO SERV conducted two Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train-the-Trainer courses. The first was convened by the City of Woodland Fire Department and led by Howard Hoff from Santa Clara. The following counties had representatives at this CERT training: Yolo; Colusa, Glen, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Sutter, and Yuba. The second class was taught at the Humboldt Chapter of the American Red Cross by John Acre of the Los Angeles City Fire Department. Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino, Sonoma, Tehama, and Stanislaus counties all sent representatives to the training.



CERT Train-the-Trainer courses prepare participants to lead the standard 20-hour CERT course in disaster preparedness, fire suppression, first aid, and light search and rescue. To learn more about CERT training link to <http://www.goserv.ca.gov/cc/ccabout.asp#b>.

#### GO SERV Commissioners:

GO SERV is pleased to announce the appointment of six new Commissioners. Welcome to the following new members: Iannis Kazanis from West Sacramento, Special Assistant to the President of AKT Development Corporation; Bob Manley from Los Angeles, retired Political Director of SEIU #347; Lon Rosenberg from La Mirada, Director of Stadium Operations for the Los Angeles Dodgers Organization; Chuck Supple from Sacramento, member of the Youthful Offender Parole Board; Peter Taylor of Los Angeles, Managing Director at Lehman Brothers; and Helen Torres of Los Angeles, Executive Director of Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE). To learn more, link to <http://www.goserv.ca.gov/aboutgs/commissioners.asp>.

#### Spotlight:

GO SERV's Spotlight recipients for the past two months include Gary Sprague, who spearheaded a remodeling effort for a community health clinic (<http://www.goserv.ca.gov/spotlights/feature058.asp>), and Etta Reyes, who rides the bus two hours each day to help adults with developmental disabilities (<http://www.goserv.ca.gov/spotlights/feature059.asp>).



Our most recent Spotlight shines on the Bruceville Terrace teen volunteers, who ensure that residents at a local senior facility receive the best care possible (<http://www.goserv.ca.gov/index.asp>). All these outstanding volunteers recognized a need in their community and took action to improve the lives of other people. GO SERV is honored to highlight their contributions.

GO SERV's Spotlight features outstanding Californians who are making a difference through service and volunteerism. To nominate a person or program, link to <http://216.102.105.127/spotlights/submit.html>.

